

SOMB Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was called to order on March 18, 2010, Illinois Department of Corrections, via videoconferencing, in Chicago and Springfield, Illinois. Board member Steve Goytia called the meeting to order.

Present:

Chicago -Steve Goytia, Cara Smith, Verlin Meinz, Jerry Isikoff, Alesia Crockett, Jessica O'Leary, Harry Reed, Amy Campanelli, Robin McGinnis

Springfield - Alyssa Williams-Schafer, Tracie Newton, Michael Bednarz, Sheryl Essenburg, Dick Winkler and Polly Poskins

Absent:

Excused: Jack Cutrone, Carol Corgan, Cheri Miller, Mickie Owens

Unexcused: Shauna Boliker, Catherine Haberkorn, B. Kent Jones, Rena Van Tine, Pat Delfino

A. Welcome/Roll Call

B. Provider Qualifications - Emergency Rule

Jerry Isikoff provided an overview of the changes/recommendations from the Standards and Guidelines Committee. The changes/recommendations are as follows:

1(b) the individual became licensed as described in item 1(a) before September 10, 2009, or

1(c) the individual became an approved provider before September 10, 2009 and is not eligible for licensure as detailed in item 1(a) above due solely to the academic degree held by the individual must:

- (A) successfully complete a course of study, approved by the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB), by June 30, 2011 and*
- (B) successfully complete 10 hours of training annually regarding assessment and/or treatment of juvenile sex offenders and submits verification of training to the SOMB.*

1(d) If a provider does not obtain licensure or complete the alternative training by June 30, 2011, the provider will be removed from the SOMB approved provider list effective July 1, 2011 and must qualify under the standards effective September 10, 2009 upon reapplication.

For 1(c)(B), the Board agreed that 10 hours of training annually would be sufficient for non-licensed providers.

The agencies being considered to provide the training are NEARI (NEARIpress.org) and INAJ SOP (in-ajsop.org). NEARI offers an online course and will provide in-

person training on skills sets. The agency offered courtesy passwords for those members who would like to see a short overview of the courses offered. The following will preview the program: (1) Cara Smith, (2) Amy Campanelli, (3) Mike Bednarz and (4) Alyssa Williams-Schafer. INAJ SOP offers a conference each year in Indiana however they may be willing to provide the training in Illinois. Jerry Isikoff and Alesia Crockett will provide more detailed information regarding the programs at the next meeting.

C. Adam Walsh Act Summary

Cara provided an update on Illinois and compliance with Adam Walsh. Two bills were introduced SB3798 and SB3799.

D. Provider Service Survey Results

In September 2009, a preliminary survey was sent to SOMB Approved providers requesting information to determine whether they are following the standards and guidelines regarding treatment and evaluations of sex offenders. The survey was sent to 360 approved providers, of those, 173 (48%) responded, 187 (52%) did not respond and five were returned undeliverable.

The Board had specific questions and need clarity on the results. However, Jerry Isikoff had to leave the meeting early and was not present to answer the questions. As a result the Board would like to further discuss the results at the next meeting.

Alesia Crockett will email a copy of the survey and a chart of the individual responses to the Board members. After compiling the responses, Jerry and Alesia thought it would be easier if a Monkey survey was done to assist with the suggested the Board consider

E. University of Illinois-Springfield (UIS) Conference

The conference new conference dates are Monday, November 8 (half-day), Tuesday, November 9 (whole day) and Wednesday, November 10 (half-day). UIS was awarded a grant to provide which includes providing a training, in collaboration with, AOIC, IDOC, and ISP to probation, parole, treatment providers, on treatment, evaluation and new law relating to sex offenders. Robin McGinnis offered the services of Illinois-ATSA to promote the training through their newsletter. Alyssa Williams-Schafer would contact UIS and inform them of what Illinois-ATSA is willing to offer.

F. New Business

Board Member - Jeff Brown as resigned from the Board effective March 2010.

Sheryl Essenberg inquired about her current reappoint and board vacancies. Alesia Crockett responded by stating Alyssa Williams-Schafer and Tracie Newton have been reappointed by the Governor's Office. She is still waiting on a response regarding Dick Winkler's appointment. Steve Goytia has been appointed to the Board. Cara Smith stated that she will follow up on the status of Sheryl's reappointment after the meeting.

G. Next Meeting: May 20, 2010 – Video Conferencing –IDOC: Chicago and Springfield

H. Adjournment